(c) whether it is a fact that the apprehended culprits and the ringleader Surla were released on bail/personal bond which is unprecedented;

(d) whether it is a fact that the culprits released on bail/personal bond have since absconded; and

(e) if so, the details of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) Four accused persons have been arrested. Chargesheet was filed against one accused Chokka More under section 120 B, 326 and 307 IPC and against other three accused persons namely Anna, Sunil Damodar Pande and Surla chargesheets under section 126B, 326 and 307 IPC read with section 34 IPC have been filed.

(c) Accused Chokka More and Anna @ Annadurai were released on bail on furnishing personal bond for Rs. 5000/- before XIV Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Madras on 1-9-1992.

The same court released both Sunil Damodar Pande and Surla @Sudalaimuthu on bail on 21-9-1992 and 2-2-1993 respectively on furnishing of bonds by sureties for Rs. 5000/-.

(d) and (e) Three accused persons, namely Chokka More, Anna @Annadurai and Sunil Damodar Pande are absconding after their release on bail.

Expenditure incurred by Central Ministers

@3710. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the actual travel and entertainment expenses of Central Ministers were about 536 per cent of the expenditure provided for in the budget for 1992-93; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken to keep these expenses under check, and to what extent success has been achieved in this regard ?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYED) : (a) and (b) Budget estimate for 1992-93 for the travel expenses of the Ministers was Rs. 5.5 crores and in the revised estimate provision for Rs. .35 crores is being made. Out of this, an expenditure of Rs. 32 crores has been incurred upto date. The tours by the Ministers are undertaken only if they are necessary in public interest.

राज्यों में चुनाव कराया जाना

@@3711. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का उन राज्यों में चुनाव कराने का विचार है जिनमें इस समय राष्ट्रपति शासन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) और (ख) जिन राज्यों में राष्ट्रपति शासन है उनमें चुनाव कराने के बारे में उचित समय पर निर्णय लिया जायेगा ।

Grant of Pardon etc.

3712. SHRI V. REJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases of grants of pardons, reprieves, suspension remission or commutation of death sentence have been made during the last three years;

@Previously Unstarred Question 2582, transferred from the 16th March, 1993.

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(b) which are these cases alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) what is the general policy of Government with regard to these cases; and

(d) how many applications for such requests were received by (the President or) Government during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) During the years 1990, 1991 and 1992 no pardon, reprieve, suspension, remission or commutation of death sentence was granted.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Each case is examined on its merits keeping in view the rulings of the courts and the recommendations of the concerned State Governments etc.

(d) The President/Government had received 40 applications during 1990, 1991 and 1992 from and on behalf of 19 prisoners sentenced to death.

Remission of Sentences

3713. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many petitions for remission of sentences (Other than death sentences) or for pardon from prisoners sentenced by Courts in States for offences against any law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the union extends have been received during the last three years; and

(b) how many petitions were rejected and how many were accepted, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Twentyone petitions were received during 1990, 1991 and 1992.

(b) The required information is furnished in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Petitions for remission of sentences or for pardon received, accepted and rejected State-wise during the last three years viz. 1990, 1991 *and* 1992.

Name of State	Number of petitions£ received	Numbers of petitions rejected	Number of petitions accepted.
Goa	2 (1+1@)	—	1
Kerala	6 (3+3*)	3	—
Madhya Pradesh	1*	—	—
Andaman & Nicobar	1	—	1
Chandigarh	2 (1+1*)	1	—
Delhi	6 (5+1*)	5	—
Pondicherry	1*	—	—
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	—	2
Total	21	9	4

*Under consideration.

@Released by the Court.

£One petition may cover cases of more than one individual.